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Patency)
Examiner: Aamer S. Ahmed)
Art Unit: 3763)

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The EPO search report is dated December 27, 2005 and is within the last three months. It is believed that this is the first time these references became known to Applicants. Further, a first office action or notice of allowance has not issued in this application. Therefore, no fee is believed necessary for this IDS.

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	4	WO 99/59672	11-25-1999	Baxter International Inc.		
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